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## PLANS BEING MADE FOR MODIFIED COMMENCEMENT

### According To Tentative Arrangements, All Expenses Are To Be Eliminated

## TO START ON SUNDAY AND END ON WEDNESDAY

Due to the cutting short of the college year and the ensuing abandonment of all vacations and holidays, plans for commencement as originally arranged have been completely disrupted and new ones must be formulated. While the college authorities seem to feel that the commencement festivities should be cut down as much as possible this year, nevertheless, there is a growing feeling that the usual activities should not be abandoned entirely, and with this end in view, plans for a modified commencement are now being arranged.

While it seems to be the general consensus of opinion that things should be run on as economical a basis as possible this year, it is felt that the spirit of commencement should be retained as far as possible. As a result, plans are under way to have the customary alumni reunions, the musical clubs concert, athletic events and most of the other activities.

The question of houseparties is being presented to the various fraternities urging that they make the Commencement observance more of an alumni and parent affair than in former years. Elaborate and luxurious parties are discouraged entirely as being foreign to the spirit of both the college and the country, but it is believed that a campaign to get alumni and parents here for the two or three days would prove of benefit to all concerned.

According to present plans, college work for the Seniors will close at noon on Monday, April 22nd, and for the three lower classes on Tuesday, April 23rd. The plans for Commencement that are now being worked out call for a four-day celebration, beginning on Sunday, the twenty-first and closing on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth. From this arrangement, it will be seen that classes will be going on during the greatest part of the time. Moreover, no "cuts" will be tolerated during the last few days, according to the faculty.

The plan as outlined by Alumni-Secretary R. H. Smith, while only tentative, is the one that will probably be followed. This program starts on Sunday, with the Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduating class in the morning, and a concert by the Cadet Band in the afternoon.

In order to permit visitors to obtain a more serious aspect of the college, all day Monday will be open for inspection to see the regular college work in full operation. Visitors and alumni will be permitted to visit the various classes, lectures and practicals in order to get an idea of how the work is carried on. Alumni will be especially urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

### Alumni Day on Tuesday

Tuesday will be Alumni Day and will be the fullest day of all, starting at nine o'clock with the review of the Cadet Regiment, and closing with the informal reception and dance for the Alumni, graduating class and faculty in the Armory late that night. The annual business meeting of the Alumni Association will come in the morning, while in the afternoon, undergraduate athletic contests will be held. The Alumni dinner will be held at six o'clock and the Musical Clubs Concert will take place at 7:30 in the evening.

Wednesday is to be Commencement proper and the graduation exercises will take place in the morning at ten o'clock. In the afternoon, arrangement will be made to hold Alumni athletic contests, such as baseball and track. This will be the closing event of the program. The question of Class Day exercises will be left in the hands of the Senior Class.

It is also hoped to hold the Junior Oratorical Contest on Monday evening and perhaps the All-College play. The undergraduate athletic contests on Tuesday afternoon will be arranged for by a student committee, and will probably include an interclass track meet and interclass baseball games. No efforts will be made to get outside teams to play here because of the expense.

### Expenses Cut to Minimum

As can be seen from this program, expenses will be cut to a minimum. Regardless of the size of the Commencement crowd, there is no chance of money being lost because no expensive attractions will be on the program. The Glee Club Concert and All-College play would have no expenses attached in their production and neither would the athletic contests.

Special efforts are to be made to get the Alumni back this year in order to enable them to rally for co-operating with the college authorities in meeting the unusual and serious problems of the war. Alumni reunions will be urged, but eliminating the usual expense of costumes and the like.

While this plan is only tentative, it is the one that will probably be followed. The matter is to be presented to the fraternities and to the students as a whole in order to obtain their co-operation. Before leaving for the south, President Sparks endorsed this plan as being one that would most suitably fit for the existing conditions throughout the nation.

### TO LEAVE PORTO RICO.

Doctor L. W. Rapier, who resigned as head of the Department of Education at Penn State last Spring in order to go to the University of Porto Rico, has resigned his position there and will return to the United States at the close of the present year. This information was contained in a letter written to Dean Blaisdel. Unsatisfactory conditions and the ill health of Mrs. Rapier are given as the causes for Dr. Rapier's decision.

## STATE FIVE WINS TWO OUT OF THREE

### Colgate and Lehigh are Defeated —Syracuse Wins Close Game— Loss of Wolfe Hinders State

The Penn State basketball team, with a record of two victories out of three games, may be said to have returned from a successful northern trip. Syracuse was the team that gave Captain Blakeslee's five first defeat of the season in a hotly contested game, while victories were registered over Colgate and Lehigh. The latter game was another close contest.

Handicapped from the start by the loss of Wolfe, who was taken down with a case of German measles just before the team started on the trip, the record of the Blue and White is a good one. Even at Syracuse, they displayed better team-work than did their opponents, but in this game luck was not with them and many of their shots just missed the basket.

Syracuse has a record of wins over Penn, Yale and other large colleges this year, and it is said that they have not been beaten on their home floor for eight years. According to spectators, the game with Penn State was the best seen on that floor in a long time. The final score of 34 to 24 fails to show the closeness of the game, and it is altogether probable that with Wolfe in the line-up, the result might have been different.

### Penn State in Lead

For a part of the first half, Penn State was in the lead; but at half-time, the score was 15 to 12 in favor of Syracuse. Blakeslee and Muller did the best work for the Blue and White, the Penn State captain giving Captain Schwartz of Syracuse all that he could handle. They each scored the

### Summer Semester For Ag. Chemists

### All in Junior Section Have Voted To Attend—No Decision On Other Chemistry Courses

President Sparks, cooperating with Prof. C. W. Stoddard, has decided that a summer semester will be held for the members of the Junior class in the course in Agricultural Chemistry. This decision was reached on Thursday after having been discussed by the Trustees at their recent meeting in Harrisburg, when they decided to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. Sparks and the President of the Board of Trustees. From present indications, the extra semester will start about May 1 and will probably continue until August 1. It was necessary for all of the twenty-four juniors to express their desire to take their work during the summer before any definite decision could be reached. The curriculum of the Senior year will be practically the same as heretofore with the exception of the subjects taken in other schools, which will be taken instead of the electives in the first semester of next year.

It was considered impractical to try to arrange a semester for the present Sophomores in Agricultural Chemistry. The question which the R. O. T. C. raises in regard to the drill which will be lost by the Juniors has not yet been decided, but some arrangement will probably be made for the men to graduate next February with their full credit in the R. O. T. C. work.

It has not been decided whether the Junior Chemists and Industrial Chemists in the School of Natural Science will have an extra semester or not. Some of the members have not signified their desire to remain during the summer and it is doubtful whether this will be decided within the next month.

### IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the Schuylkill County Club, Friday evening at seven o'clock in room 201 Engineering A. All members are urged to be present.

## ENDORSE "GETTING- ACQUAINTED" IDEA

### Dr. Sparks and Dean Holmes are Both Strongly in Favor of the Plan as Presented

When interviewed on the subject, Dr. Sparks expressed himself as being heartily in accord with the "Getting Acquainted" project, proposed last week. He stated that the only objection he could have to the plan would be that it might interfere with the regular college work, but he said further that on reading the article in last week's COLLEGIAN, he did not think that this would be the case.

Owing to the fact that Dr. Sparks left last Friday on his tour of the various training camps, he did not have time to write an article expressing his views in the matter, but in the short interview he found time to give a COLLEGIAN representative, he made it clear that in his opinion, "This is something that is very much needed at Penn State, especially in view of the apparent falling off of the college spirit. With over eighteen hundred students, naturally every student cannot expect to know every other student, but the circle of acquaintances of the students, who are not taking a very active part in college activities should be larger for the average student, than it is, and I hope that the proposed plans will have the effect of accomplishing this result. Similar plans have been successfully tried at other schools, and I can see no reason for its not being successful at Penn State. My only regret is that I shall probably not be here when it is tried."

Dean Holmes was in fact, even more forceful in his endorsement of the plan. That he is a strong booster of the "Getting Acquainted" movement is shown by the following statements which he made to a COLLEGIAN representative.

### A New Course

"A new course in Penn State! Another short course! A wonderful course! It cannot be found in the catalog. The faculty have not authorized it. No text books are to be had. Every department claims it. Every student is eager to enter it. It is an art, not a science, cultural and practical; technical and liberal; no credit is given; no student can graduate from it. It is a course on the Art of Making Friends."

"It is a study you must take now or never. 'No man makes a friend after forty' is dangerously true. Young men may have old friends and young friends. Friend-making is not an annual event. A new crop does not come on each year. Friends must be gathered young, laid away in store and allowed to mellow with the years."

"Therefore, the get-together week means much. It is not a hilarious period in a monotonous season. It is not a superficial, noise-making, slap-on-the-back, forget-the-conventionalities Continued on Last Page

## BAGDAD RAILWAY LONG A BONE OF CONTENTION

### Doctor Zook, in His Second War Article, Points Out the Many Complications that Have Arisen Over the German Built Railway Across Asia Minor—Settlement Prevented by the Outbreak of the Present Great War in Europe

### THE BAGDAD RAILWAY

By George F. Zook,  
(Professor of Modern European History)

Great Britain rules over millions of Mohammedans in India, Egypt, and other places. This explains why Great Britain has generally pursued a policy of friendship toward the Sultan of Turkey, who is the most powerful Mohammedan ruler in the world. Upon more than one occasion, notably in the Crimean War and in the Russo-Turkish war of 1878, she raised her strong arm in defense of the Sultan. Eleven after the terrible Bulgarian atrocities in 1876, when the people of England were nauseated at the idea of such friendship, the English government continued to cultivate good relations with the Turkish government. The English acquisition of Cyprus and the later entrance into Egypt tended to alienate the affections of the Turks and they gradually turned to the only government which could say that it had not despoiled the Turkish Empire of a single square foot of territory, namely Germany.

For the purpose of cultivating friendly relations with Turkey, Germany sent one of her ablest diplomats, Baron von Eberstein, to Constantinople. Through his influence a certain number of German military officials were detailed for the purpose of training the Turkish army. At first, they made slow progress but by the time of the war with the Balkan allies, Turkey's army was supposed to be in a state of good military preparation. As matters turned out, the Turkish army was no match for the Balkan states, but the fact that it did put up the stubborn defense which it did, is largely attributed to the military organization effected by the German officials.

### German Emperor Visits Sultan

During these years the growing friendship between Germany and Turkey was cemented by personal visits paid by Emperor William II to Constantinople in 1899 and again in 1903. The German Emperor is the only ruler among the Great Powers who has honored the Sultan in such a way and in his enthusiasm, the Sultan referred to the young Emperor as his "only friend in Europe." The Emperor returned the compliment by promising his protection to Mohammedans the world over.

As a result of the first visit to Constantinople, the Sultan handed over to a German corporation the right of con-

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

Realizing the importance attached to even a slight knowledge of the French language to all college students, particularly to the members of the R. O. T. C., the COLLEGIAN, with the cooperation of the French instructors of the College, will publish a series of sixteen lessons in elementary French, the first of which appears on page four of this issue.

Not knowing how soon we will be called for service "over there," where a knowledge of the French language is one of the most valuable assets, it behooves every Penn State student to closely study these simple lessons. They are compiled by Dr. I. L. Foster, head of the department of Romance Languages, and E. M. Bowman, an instructor in that department, with the special aim in view of making them comprehensive to one who has absolutely no knowledge of the language. They will be conducted along the same lines that Dr. Foster used in instructing the soldiers at Camp Hancock last fall.

These lessons are the same that the students in the R. O. T. C. at Penn State are required to study. To the men taking the Ordnance Course here they are of equal importance.

### SPECIAL OFFER!

In order that all students of the R. O. T. C. and Ordnance Course may be supplied with individual copies of these lessons, (those printed in the COLLEGIAN being the only available duplicates) the Penn State Collegian Publishing Board has decided to depart from its regular custom in announcing the following special offer:

All copies of the COLLEGIAN for the remainder of the college year, including 16 lessons in French, value . . . \$0.60  
A copy of the official Student and Faculty Directory, value . . . . .10  
Total value . . . . . \$0.70

### FOR ONLY FIFTY CENTS

(This offer is open to all for the next week. Call at the COLLEGIAN office, Times Publishing Building, West College Ave., any day between 4:30 and 5:30 P. M., or any time Saturday afternoon.)

## RUMOR OF COAL SHORTAGE IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION

For the past several days, rumors have been going about that unless coal began to come in to the college, it would be necessary to shut down all work. Upon investigation this has been found to be entirely false, and both Dean Holmes and Dean Sackett are emphatic in their denial of this rumor. A report that several cars of coal destined for the College had been confiscated at Bellefonte is also without foundation.

## 1915 MAN DIES AT FORT OGLETHORPE

Lieutenant Franklin E. Fredette, a member of the class of 1915, died on Monday, January 25th, in the post hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He had received his commissions at the Fort late last fall, and was assigned there as a cavalry officer. While in college, Lieutenant Fredette pursued the course in agronomy and was an associate editor of the "Penn State Farmer." He ranked high in scholarship and in his Senior year he was elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholarship fraternity.

## PRINCETON WILL NOT WRESTLE HERE

### Unexpectedly Cancel Meet Sched- uled for Next Week—No Ex- planation Given

The wrestling meet scheduled with Princeton for the evening of February 16th in the Armory has been cancelled by the Princeton management. Manager Johnson, of the Blue and White matmen, received a telegram from Manager Norris last week, and in it no details were given why the meet was cancelled. There is only one conclusion that has been reached by the Penn State matmen, and that is that their wrestling budget was not approved by their faculty committee. In a recent article printed in "The Daily Princetonian," it was stated that in all probability the wrestling budget would be approved if the Dam made a favorable showing against the University of Pennsylvania grapplers. The result of this meet was a defeat for the "Tigers" by a score of 14 to 11, and it is therefore generally assumed that the faculty council did not approve the budget.

However, the varsity management is trying to arrange another meet for that date, but it is highly improbable that it will materialize. Manager Johnson is trying to get one of the teams representing a Middle West institution for the February 16th date.

The wrestling meet scheduled with Cornell for the Army will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 23, instead of Friday evening, February 22. This will be the first meet of the season unless Manager Johnson is able to fill the February 16th date, and it is sure to be one of great interest as Cornell always "fights to the limit" when opposing the Blue and White grapplers. It will be of special interest as Penn State journeys to Ithaca a few weeks later to meet the same combination, and then they will also clash in the Intercollegiate in Brooklyn.

### RELEASES CLAIM TO WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

James A. Sallade '19, a member of Student Council and a holder of a John W. White scholarship, was called to duty in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army last week, and has reported at Camp Meade.

Sallade has twice won the President's medal for attaining the highest scholastic average in any class in one semester, and he will doubtless win it for the first semester of this year. He is reported as having attained an average of 95.5 for his work the first semester, and this is probably a record in Penn State's history.

Before leaving for Camp Meade Sallade relinquished his claim to the remainder of the White scholarship fund that he won last year. It has been awarded to one of the other members of his class who was selected as an eligible in the elections last fall.

Sallade was very well known among his classmates and to the students and faculty members in general. One of his recent achievements as a member of Student Council was the starting of the "Getting Acquainted" idea that will be tried for the first time at Penn State during the latter part of next week. He is credited with originating the plan, and was a heavy booster in its behalf.

Sallade enlisted in the Signal Corps service last summer, and has been expecting the call to service ever since returning to college.

You will find the French Lesson on page four.

## NEXT WEEK-END SET FOR "GETTING ACQUAINTED"

### Program Will Open Next Wednesday Night With Mass Meeting—Committee Has Rare Stunts to Spring

### "Doc" Wheeling, Senior Presi- dent, Tells of Importance of the Occasion

### URGES ALL STUDENTS TO GET BEHIND MOVEMENT

By George F. Wheeling '18  
(President of Student Government)

The big Penn State "Get-Together" plan is, at the present time, almost completed in so far as details and plans are concerned. Now the big worry to the committee and those who instigated the plan is its successful execution, which cannot be unless every student in college is back of it; everyone "Getting-Together" to make it the biggest, happiest, most useful, and "I-know-every-man-in-college" week-end that was ever spent.

Roughly, in regard to a plan such as this, the student-body can be divided into three groups, viz: (1) those "backing-up" and working for the plan; (2) those against the plan, (made evident by their actions as well as by their words); (3) those who are indifferent as to the outcome of the plan.

Of the second class or group the least said is the better and it is hoped, (in fact felt) that this group is very limited in number so that anything done or said by members of this group is to their own detriment rather than to that of the plan (the idea of which can be interpreted in no other way than for the betterment of the college and a continuation, or better, an acceleration of our "old college spirit").

The third group is one to which an appeal is made, especially since it comprises possibly the greater portion of the student-body and hence the success or failure of the plan is contingent upon it. As stated in last week's edition of the COLLEGIAN the direct idea of the plan is to offer an opportunity to every student to widen his circle of acquaintances, thus indirectly making it more possible to keep "pep" and "spirit" up to the "standard" and if possible even to carry out the proposed plans as best we can and if anyone can think of any ideas which he thinks would in any way help they will be given prompt attention at the COLLEGIAN office or may be handed directly to any member of the committee which has been appointed from Student Council and which consists of H. A. Billig '18, chairman.

At this meeting each student will be given a tag upon which he can put name, year and course. These tags will be of different colors for the different classes, in order that any one can readily distinguish which students are Seniors, Juniors, and so on. These will be worn on the lapel of the coat during the three remaining days of the stunt, and will greatly facilitate the "getting acquainted" idea. Needless to say, it will not be hard to "pick off" those students who are not getting into the spirit of the occasion by the absence of their tags. So let everyone get out on next Wednesday night and wear a tag!

One of the big features of the week-end will be the departmental gatherings scheduled for Thursday night. It is a well known fact that the members of one class do not know the men in other classes who are enrolled in the same course. It is proposed to get all members of a course together for an hour of social intercourse on Thursday night, and a schedule for these meetings will be announced in next week's COLLEGIAN. For instance, the Civils of all classes will gather in a designated room in the Engineering building, the Electricals of all classes in another, all Horts in a room in the Horticultural building, and so on.

## Three Meets For State Track Men

### First Meet With Johns Hopkins on February 23rd—Meadowbrook and Penn Relays to Follow

The rearranged Penn State track schedule will not include a meet with Cornell University, as was announced some time ago, either will the Southern trip that was under consideration by the Blue and White management be undertaken, according to Manager Denney. These meets were only arranged tentatively and the management has found it impossible to carry them out.

However, it is almost certain that the track men will meet the Johns Hopkins University team at a meet to be held in Baltimore on February 23. While arrangements for this meet have not been completed Manager Denney feels quite certain that the Blue and White trackmen will compete on the twenty-third. Penn State will also enter the Meadowbrook Club meet which will be held on March 7 and 8th, as well as the Penn Relays which will be held April 27.

These are the only outside meets that the varsity track team will enter, but the management will take up interclass competition on a larger scale this year than ever before. There is sure to be at least one Sophomore-Freshman meet, which will be held in the Armory at a date to be announced later. It was at first proposed to bank the Army for inter-class competition, but since this would interfere with other sports that are held there no such action will be taken. The floor will be marked off, however.

### Veterans are Lost

The track squad is rounding into form under the direction of Coach Martin, and although he has been greatly handicapped by the loss of many veterans, it is certain that the Blue and White will be well represented on the track.

"Doc" Holland '20, is the latest track man to leave college. He enlisted in the present time is taking the work here of the others who have left college since the opening and their loss will be keenly felt.

### Plans Rapidly Assuming Shape— Affair Promises to Be Great Success

### STUDENTS WILLINGLY BACK NEW DEPARTURE

The "Getting Acquainted" stunt will be held next week-end, starting with a booster mass meeting in Old Chapel on Wednesday evening, and closing with a big "one-ring circus" in the Armory on the following Saturday night.

Additional committees have been appointed to care for the arrangements, and members of each report excellent progress in every project undertaken. From all sides the committee have received encouragement on the entire proposition, and all they ask now is the hearty cooperation of all students to make this first attempt a great success.

The objects of the get-together, as briefly outlined in last week's issue of the COLLEGIAN, are more clearly defined in the accompanying article by George F. Wheeling, president of the student government. In it he emphasizes the necessity for every student backing the new idea and making an effort to make as many new friends during this period as possible. The committee has arranged its plans to make this part of the program comparatively easy.

At the mass meeting next Wednesday evening President Wheeling will be master of ceremonies and will outline the plans for procedure during the following days. Dean Holmes and Professor Marshman will speak briefly on the value of friendships, and there will be college songs and cheers, and other entertainment to fill in the hour.

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### Shake Hands With Your "Prof."

At these meetings the students will not only be able to become better acquainted with other men taking the same course, but they will also be given an opportunity to get in closer touch with the heads of their departments and their instructors. Faculty members will be asked to support the idea in this respect, and it is readily seen that unlimited advantages can be attained through this intimate association.

### Friday Night —S-h-h-h!

The soft pedal has been placed on the program for Friday night. The committee is not yet ready to announce its plan for that time, but 'tis said on the quiet that there is going to be "Something Doing" with capital letters!

Plans are just about completed and suffice to say every one will be able to get in on a rare treat, and taken as a prominent business man of the borough has a hand in this affair, and all arrangements will be ready for announcement in the next COLLEGIAN.

"Stan" Czarniecki has charge of the stunts for Saturday night in the Armory, and rumor has it that they are also going to be a rare treat and perhaps the biggest feature of the entire program. This committee is working up a big one-ring circus with all the frills that go with it. The "frills" will amount to many things that never saw a circus, or even a ring, and taken in all the event will be well worth seeing.

The Princeton wrestlers were scheduled to meet the varsity matmen on that evening, the 16th, but their cancellation leaves nothing in the way of other attractions for that time. This will make conditions ideal for the evening's entertainment, and arrangements, will be made to care for a "full house."

### Band and Orchestra Out

An attempt will be made to get the band out on Wednesday and Saturday nights, and the orchestra will likely be on hand for the Friday night stunt to "jazz" up an accompaniment to the feature for that occasion.

The departure from college of J. A. Sallade '19, the originator of the "getting acquainted" idea, left a vacancy on the Student Council committee, and this has been filled by the appointment of George C. Smith '19, H. A. Billig '18. Shields, Runyan, and Shanor are some of the others who have left college since the opening and their loss will be keenly felt.